



# Coyote Canyon Chapter

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Navajo Name: Ma'ii teehitlizhi (Coyote Fell In The Watering Hole)

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*Navajo name:* M3'ii t66hit[i]zhi

*Interpretation:* Coyote fell in the water(ing hole)

*Indian Population :* 1980 Census: 835

1990 Census: 1,226

2000 Census: 941

*Estimated land size:* 125,996.1 Acres

*Land Management District :* 14

### GOVERNMENT

*Number of Chapter NNC delegate(s):* 1

*Delegate(s) shared with:*

Tohatchi Chapter

*Navajo Police district office covering Chapter :*

Crownpoint District & Tohatchi Sub-Station

*Tribal offices that provide services within Chapter :*

Community Health Representative

Adult-In-Home Care

Senior Citizen Center

Navajo Department Headstart

### MEDICAL

*Hospital(s) & clinic(s) where most Chapter people go:*

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Town</u>
Gallup Indian Medical Center	Gallup, NM
Crownpoint Ind Health Care Facility	Crownpoint, NM
Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hosp	Gallup, NM

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Town</u>
Tohatchi Clinic	Tohatchi, NM
Cibola Medical Foundation	Gallup, NM
Gallup Medical Group	Gallup, NM

### EDUCATION

*No. of Schools:*

Pre-School/Head Start	1
Kindergarten to 8th	0
High School	0

*Total enrollment by school (Fall of 2003):*

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>
Coyote Canyon Pre-School	nr

Students from the chapter area attend the Gallup-McKinley Schools at Tohatchi, Crownpoint and Gallup elementary and high schools. Some also go to

Wingate High School, Chuska School, St. Michaels (in AZ), Navajo Prep in Farmington, and Tohatchi Special Education. The chapter estimates the absentee rate at 60% and drop-out rate at 30%.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

*No. of computers available for public use at Chapter:* 4

*No. of public payphones in the community:* 2

*Regular TV reception; stations received:*

Call Letters	Town
KOAT	Albuquerque, NM
KOB	ABQ/Farmington, NM
KASA	Albuquerque, NM

*Clear AM radio stations received:*

Call Letters	Town
KTNN	Window Rock, AZ
KGAK	Gallup, NM
KYVA	Gallup, NM
KNDN	Farmington, NM
KHAC	Tse Bonito, NM

*Clear FM radio stations received:*

Call Letters	Town
KXTC	Gallup, NM
KKOR	Gallup, NM
KGLX	Gallup, NM
KISZ	Cortez, CO
KWIN	Tse Bonito, NM

*Newspaper received within the Chapter :*

Name of Paper	Town
The Independent	Gallup, NM
Navajo Times	Window Rock, AZ
Daily Times	Farmington, NM

*Postal services within the Chapter:*

Name of Service
United States Postal Services
United Parcel Service
Federal Express

### **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Rodeo Arena

### **EQUIPMENT (Maintained by Chapter)**

Hauling Truck  
Front End Loader

### **SCENIC ATTRACTIONS**

Canyons

### **CIVIC**

*Churches:*

Name of Church	Est'd Membership
First Navajo Baptist	20
Roadside Baptist Church	nr
Christian Reform Church	nr
Catholic Church	20
Church of Latter Day Saints	nr

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*Indigenous:*

Traditional Navajo Religion  
Native American Church

*Active community organizations:*

Veterans Organization  
Community Land Use Planning Committee

**COMMERCIAL***Available commercial establishments in the Chapter :*

Restaurant 1

**TRANSPORTATION***Paved roads through the chapter area:*

Navajo Route 9

*Distances to:*

Agency: Fort Defiance 39 miles  
Window Rock 33 miles  
Gallup, NM 24 miles

**MAJOR EMPLOYERS**

No. of	Name of Employer	Employees
10	Navajo Nation	
50	Non-Profit Organizations	
	McKinley County School	nr
	Health Facilities	nr

**LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES**

Coal  
Uranium

**COMMUNITY/COOPERATIVE FARMING**

*Name of farm project:* Red Willow  
*Year farm was established:* 1941  
*Approximate size of farm:* 856.5 Acres  
*Number of project family farms:* 18

Physically, the Red Willow farming area is situated in the Tohatchi Chapter area. Historically, families from both chapters have jointly use the farming area. The farm is currently active and the farm project does have a farm board.

*Estimated number of family farms elsewhere in the chapter area; all dry farming:*  
28

**BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER**

Upon return from the "long walk", or Navajo imprisonment in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, Chief Manuelito took residence in the northern part of the chapter area and lived there the rest of his life; he is buried within his homestead.

Coyote Canyon is rural, isolated from other improved communities. The terrain is mostly rolling hills, open dry flatlands, and rocky canyons. It is semi-arid with elevations ranging from the 5,000 plus to above the 6,000 feet levels. The climate is mild with plenty of wind during the spring and early summer. There are a variety of forage for the livestock and little precipitation.

The first chapter "house" was built about 1930. The first council delegates were Charles Damon and Billy Duncan. The Trading Post was established about 1900. Programmatic health and social services were started between 1950 and 1980. The first housing units under the Navajo Housing Authority were built in the early 1980s. Twenty-five mutual help units were constructed by 1990, making a

total of 65 units. Council Delegate Ben Muskett worked diligently on bringing electrical services to a great majority of the residents during the latter half of 1970s.

The Coyote Canyon Chapter upholds the belief that the establishment of appropriate facilities is required in meeting local needs.

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